

Minutes

Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee Meeting

November 26, 2018

Members Present

Senator Brent Jackson, Chair
Senator Don Davis
Senator Chuck Edwards
Senator Paul Newton
Senator Joyce Waddell
Senator Andy Wells

Representative Craig Horn, Chair
Representative Becky Carney
Representative Pat Hurley
Representative Marvin Lucas
Representative Ted Davis
Representative Rena Turner

Senator Brent Jackson, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Turner moved to approve the *October 8, 2018 Minutes*. Motion carried.

Presentations and Comments

Chairman Jackson reminded members that they heard three presentations on Inmate Health Care during the October 8th meeting, and after an explanation of each bill by Kory Goldsmith, Director of Bill Drafting, that they would consider motions to recommend each of the bills.

1. Improvements to Inmate Healthcare Reimbursement and Internal Processes Could Save \$5.6 Million Annually – Chairman Jackson recognized Kory Goldsmith to present the bill draft.

The committee heard responses to the bill draft from Terri Catlett, Deputy Director for Health Services, Department of Public Safety, and Tracy Little, Special Assistant, Department of Public Safety, who stated that Section 2 of the bill is not feasible for Fiscal Year 2017-18. Ms. Catlett also recommended that Section 3 be amended due to concerns that reduced rates could hinder their ability to maintain the current level of services for mandated healthcare. Ms. Catlett also discussed concerns with Section 4, stating that separating required documentation and sending through electronic e-pass could cause a delay of review. Ms. Catlett stated that they had no concerns with Section 5 or 6 of the bill draft.

Senator Davis inquired about the rationale for permanently eliminating positions based on one fiscal year, whether additional factors were considered by PED that were not included in the bill, and which states provided services similar to those recommended by PED.

Representative Hurley asked for clarification on mailing applications in one package to the county where the inmate resides.

Representative Turner asked PED to determine if Medicaid applications submitted through ePass can be printed.

Senator Waddell asked if there was anything in place for the two departments to work closer together and if increasing the salary of employees would help fill vacant positions.

Senator Wells moved to recommend the bill draft, with authorization to staff to make any technical changes. Motion carried.

2. Modifications to Inmate Pharmacy Purchasing and Monitoring Could Save \$13.4 Million Annually – Chairman Jackson recognized Kory Goldsmith to present the bill draft.

The committee heard responses to the bill draft from Janet Thomas, Pharmacy Director, Department of Public Safety; Lanier Hodgson, Vice President for Government Relations, UNC

Health Care; and Jamie Mann, 340B Program Manager, UNC Health Care. Ms. Hodgson and Ms. Mann reiterated their support for working with DPS on participation in the 340B Program and their support of hiring a consultant to help the partnership. Ms. Mann discussed concerns of meeting requirements set forth by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration.

Representative Lucas asked for information on South Carolina's savings from 340B participation.

Senator Waddell requested that additional study be done on the feasibility of the partnership and how much medication is lost in inmate transfer.

Senator Davis suggested moving the implementation date of the bill draft back to accommodate UNC's estimate that 340B implementation could take up to two years to achieve.

Senator Waddell moved to recommend the bill draft, with authorization to staff to make any technical changes. Motion carried.

3. Inadequate Data Collection and Cost Recovery Practices Limit Economy of Healthcare for Safekeepers – Chairman Jackson recognized Kory Goldsmith to present the bill draft.

The committee heard responses to the bill draft from Tracy Little, Special Assistant, Department of Public Safety, and Michelle Frazier, NC Sheriff's Association.

Chairman Horn moved to amend the bill draft by clarifying the reimbursement rate for transportation and custody costs and extending the time limits for counties to pick up safekeepers. Senator Davis moved to adopt the amendment. Motion carried.

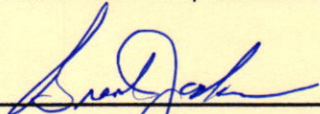
Representative Lucas moved to recommend the amended bill draft, with authorization to staff to make any technical changes. Motion carried.

Chairman Jackson recognized John Turcotte, Director of Program Evaluation, to explain PED's request to exempt two reports--Disaster Recovery Acts and Disadvantaged Schools that Succeed--from the mandatory evaluation components now required by NCGS 120-136.14(b), which also authorizes the JLPEOC to exclude those components for a project when deemed necessary. Mr. Turcotte explained that the General Assembly in S.L. 2017, Section 5.6.(n) specified the scope of the Disaster project and a submission date of March 15, 2018. With the complexity of the project, detailed specifications and short completion time, the project would be jeopardized in quality or risk untimely completion if PED had to include the mandatory components. The Disadvantaged Schools that Succeed project required by the JLPEOC work plan is not an evaluation of a state agency program, but a national survey of school systems with a high percentage of disadvantaged students that achieves better than expected academic outcomes. The mandatory components simply do not apply to school systems reviewed, which may include many systems outside North Carolina.

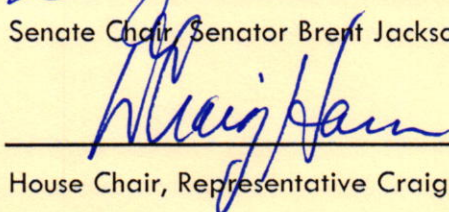
Chairman Horn moved to recommend exemptions for both reports. Motion carried.

Adjourn

Chairman Jackson announced that the committee would convene on December 10, 2018. With no further business, the committee adjourned.



Senate Chair, Senator Brent Jackson



House Chair, Representative Craig Horn